

## **GHA Youth Report 2018-19 season - Player Pathway**

### **Development Centres (DC's)**

These were organised for both genders of U13's and U14's for 6 weeks in the summer term and a further 5 weeks in the Autumn term in Gloucester, Cheltenham and Cirencester. A final inter-county tournament took place on a double pitch venue in Cheltenham for both age groups and U14 Academy squads were selected with 6, U13 players (3 boys, 3 girls), taken through to the U14 Academy a year early.

GHA did not organise DC for U15/U16/U17 age groups in this cycle.

### **Academy Centres (AC's) – Took place from October 2018 – April 2019**

U14 Girls – A squad of 23 were selected. The final tournament on 31<sup>st</sup> March was at Clifton College grounds in Bristol. 12 girls are being put forward for Performance Centre assessment on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Clifton College grounds Bristol.

U14 Boys – A squad of 25 were selected. Their final tournament took place at Clifton College grounds. 9 boys are being put forward for assessment and one is moving to Reading Centre to be assessed.

U15 Girls/Boys - After trials through September, squads of 21 (girls) and 19(boys) were selected

U16/U17 boys' and girls' squads were selected after trials in October. These two age groups in both genders, were merged to make one mixed U16/17 squad.

All GHA squads took part in matches against Herefordshire, Wiltshire, Avon, South Wales throughout the cycle of training. A seeding tournament took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 for every age group.

The final tournaments for every age group, all took place on the same day, 31<sup>st</sup> March at Clifton College grounds, (U14's), Millfield (U15 B + G), Queens Taunton (U16/17 boys) Blundell's, Tiverton (U16/17 girls). We had to provide our own umpires for the day, due to lack of umpires available from the County Associations.

### **Performance Centres (PC's)**

An U15 PC West assessment day took place in Bristol on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 with 12 boys and 11 girls being nominated to attend from Gloucestershire. 6 boys, and 5 girls were selected to attend Performance from that assessment day.

**Boys: Billy Bedwell, Ben Grinnell, Nicholas Schubach and William Henry (GK). Edward Stevens and Alex Chihota were already selected for U15 Performance, after Performance assessed them earlier in the season.**

**Girls: Katie Boyle, Susie Carter, Isabella Mills, Helena Montgomery, Hannah Porter.**

**U16/U17 Boys Performance squad 2018-19, representing Gloucestershire:**

**Bobby Cound, Reuben Fletcher Lewis, Ciaran Stranack, Richard Swan, Oliver Smart, Jacob Payton, Sam Porter, Hayden Brewer, Ellis Robson, (9 boys).**

**U16/17 Girls Performance Squad 2018-19, representing Gloucestershire: Katie Partridge, Hannah Jackson, Evie Green, Elodie Sparrow, Flo Fletcher, Olivia Freer, Grace Greaves, Rebecca Todd, Rachel Hatherell.**

*The following players were selected to play in the U15-U17 Futures Cup squads, at St Albans HC from 22<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> August 2018. From this tournament, further selection for NAGS followed.*

**U15 Boys: Alex Chihota, Bobby Cound, Richard Swan**

**U17 Boys: Ed Hewer, Robbie Jackson, Jacob Payton, Ellis Robson, Oliver Smart (GK). Olly Harper.**

**U15 Girls: Flo Fletcher, Evie Green, Hannah Jackson, Katie Partridge. Elodie Sparrow is a non-travelling reserve.**

**U17 Girls: Olivia Freer, Ella Horden.**

**ENGLAND SELECTION SQUADS 2018-2019. GHA have 6 boys and 1 girl that are in EH squads:**

**Boys U21: Dan Jackson**

**Boys U18: Ollie Harper, Ed Hewer, Jacob Payton, Oliver Smart GK, Ellis Robson,**

**Boys U16: Alex Chihota, Bobby Cound.**

**Girls U16: Flora Fletcher (has also played in U18's).**

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To Mike Sheppard who arranged umpires for the U16/17 girls matches on the 17<sup>th</sup> March and who has tried to find umpires for our various matches during the season.

To James Doughty who has stepped in and taken over the role of Player Pathway Co-ordinator after Angie Atherton was taken ill in December and could not continue her role as Player Pathway administrator. The U13/14 Development Centre age groups through the summer term will be a test for the new PP system. James has been instrumental in moving things forward for GHA.

To Shaun Cullimore for keeping us afloat with sorting out the Player Pathway finances.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to Angie Atherton for all her endless hard work over very many years for GHA. We wish her luck with her continuing recovery and hope she will return in an advisory role of some sort, in the future.

Angie Pearce

Youth Co-ordinator.